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Scotiabank withdrawing sponsorship from T.O. staple

It's been hard to miss for more than 15 years, taking over downtown Toronto streets with fire-breathers, contortionists and breakdancers.

But the future of Buskerfest, and the money it produces for Epilepsy Toronto, may be in jeopardy now that its biggest sponsor Scotiabank has pulled out.

Geoff Bobb, executive director of Epilepsy Toronto, praised the bank for its past support and said it provided his organization with lots of notice of its decision and an external agency to help them find a new sponsor. But so far the non-profit has not had any luck funding a replacement.

"We're very concerned. We'd hate to lose this event," said Bobb, adding it has become the biggest busker festival in North America and one of the biggest in the world.

Scotiabank announced it was withdrawing partnership from Buskerfest as well as Nuit Blanche, the CHIN Picnic and Toronto Caribbean Carnival (formerly known as Caribana), this month.

Bobb said although he is "knocking on as many doors" as he can to find a new sponsor or "cobble together" support from a few, it's a small window because at some point the organization needs to start booking performers for next year.

He estimates the festival, run annually over the last weekend in August on Yonge Street in downtown Toronto, costs about $650,000 just to break even. However, it provides $250,000 for Epilepsy Toronto, which he calls "a big chunk" of the organization's revenue. Admission is by donation.

"If we lose the festival it will impact the services that we provide to the kids with epilepsy and their families," said Bobb.

Clinton Braganza, senior vice-president of Canadian marketing at Scotiabank, said the decision not to renew existing sponsorship agreements with all four events, which were up this year, came out of a yearly strategic review. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING

Moss Park market could soon pop up

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Grocery shopping in Moss Park is about to get a lot easier — and healthier.

A grassroots food advocacy group is working with Toronto Community Housing (TCH) to launch a pop-up farmers' market in what's often cited as one of the city's most poverty-stricken neighbourhoods.

"The residents actually approached us first and expressed interest in having fresh food available right where they live," said Darcy Higgins, a Moss Park resident who is part of the Push Food Forward project.

There are several grocery stores near Moss Park, but many people don't have cars, making shopping trips difficult, Higgins said. Seniors and people with mobility problems are among those hardest hit.

The goal is to get the market going by early 2016, pending approval from TCH.

The Moss Park community garden. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Condo developer to turn over new Leaf

ENVIRONMENT

The first 20 who buy a unit, parking space will get an EV

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

An environmentally conscious condo developer in Toronto is giving prospective buyers a free ride.

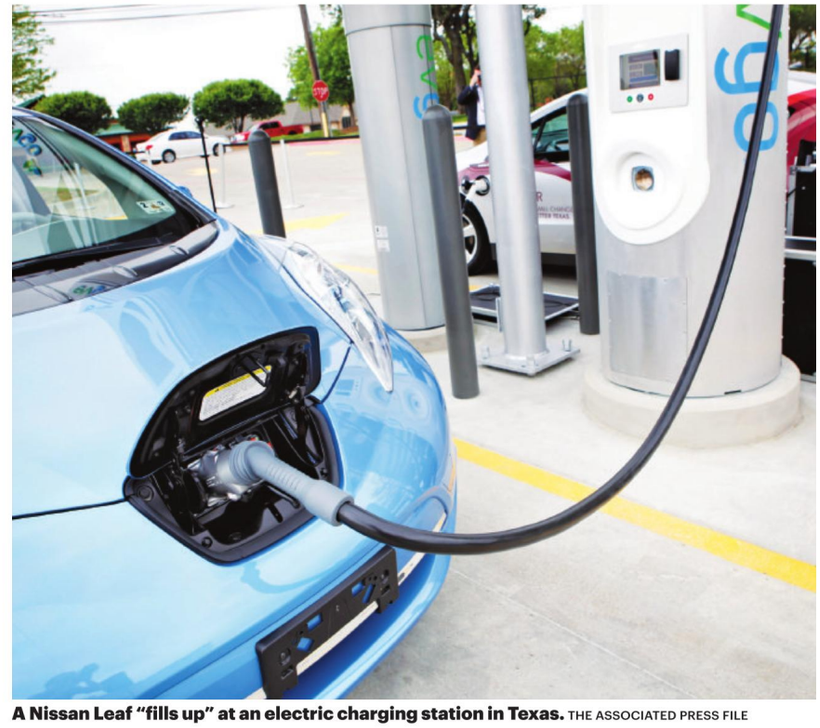
The first 20 Bside condo buyers who also purchase a parking space equipped with an electric-vehicle charging station will receive a free Nissan Leaf, courtesy of Minto.

"We have EV charging stations in our other buildings, but not many people are taking advantage of that infrastructure," said Wells Baker, director of sustainable design at Minto. "We thought perhaps people could use a little bit more encouragement."

Baker said parking spots at Bside — located at Front and Bathurst — can cost anywhere from $25,000 to $50,000.

The base model 2015 Leaf costs $31,798 and can run 135 kilometres on a single charge.

"If you are going to have a car, an electric vehicle makes a lot of sense if you're living downtown and don't have to travel long distances in your day-to-day life," Baker said.



A Nissan Leaf "fills up" at an electric charging station in Texas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Minto has a history of sustainable development in Toronto. The company built the city's first LEED Canada-certified condo tower in 2006, and MintoMidtown is North America's largest condominium to achieve LEED Gold certification.

Bside will feature energy-efficient plumbing and lighting fixtures, a state-of-the-art heat-recovery system and a green roof, Baker said. The condo is expected to be finished by late 2018 or early 2019.

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> Wells Baker

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NIGHTCRAWLERS

Battle of the worm revealed

Every night from spring until fall a secret battle is waged in fields surrounding Toronto.

Hundreds strap on headlamps and march out into the darkness with one mission — to find and pick as many worms as possible.

"It's like worm wars," said Chris Pagonis, owner of Toronto-based Pagonis Live Bait. "Toronto is the worm capital of the world, people just don't know about it."

A combination of weather patterns and soil types make the GTA an ideal earthworm habitat and the region's creepy-crawly commodity is shipped by the thousands to bait shops across North America and as far as Europe. More than a dozen live bait purchasers and distributors exist in the area meaning companies face cutthroat competition for fields and for finding enough harvesters to feed the need for nightcrawlers.

Mike Balac owns Canada Live Bait Supply, a simple brick building along the aptly named Mud Street about 20 kilometres southwest of Hamilton. For years, harvesting and selling worms provided enough for him to raise a family, but changes to foreign worker laws and turf wars over fields have pushed him to the brink.

"It's a tough business now," he said, explaining that he's nearly $300,000 in the hole after buying trucks to carry pickers and erecting an outbuilding to house them.

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The Canadian nightcrawlers are prized by anglers as live bait for fishing.

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Our other sports success

SOCCER

Toronto FC's playoff run is just getting underway

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Cheer up, Toronto. The Blue Jays' run may be over, but another local team's postseason is just getting started.

For the first time in its eight-year history, Toronto FC will be joining other Major League Soccer teams in the playoffs.

Their first postseason game ever takes place Thursday against the Montreal Impact, despite a 2-1 defeat to Montreal Sunday night.

That has both diehard soccer fans and bandwagoners excited.

"We're definitely seeing the city wake up and we've received calls for new people making reservations," said Patrick Pennman, co-owner of the Football Factory near Queen and Bathurst.

The place is always full of supporters of English Premier League teams, but this year Toronto FC games brought in plenty of fans, Pennman said.

"This level of excitement isn't something I'd have expected six or seven months ago," he said.

"It's amazing."

This year's Toronto FC team is the real deal, Pennman said, unlike last season when the franchise signed Germaine Defoe to much fanfare, only to see the English striker "turn into a bloody mess."

"Right now you're seeing frustration being alleviated. It's a fantastic achievement in itself," he said.

TFC fans celebrate the teams 2-1 win against Canadian rivals the Montreal Impact during a matchup at BMO Field on August 29. The team made the Major League Soccer playoffs for the first time this season. BRIAN B. BETTENCOURT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT TORONTO FC

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

1 MLS playoff first-timers

Toronto FC are four-time Canadian champions, but they've never reached the postseason.

2 Growing fanbase, growing stadium

If you need further proof of Toronto FC's growing appeal, look no further than BMO Field. Already the largest soccer-specific stadium in Canada, the venue recently boosted its capacity by 8,400 seats.

3 Bitchy the Hawk

Toronto FC's official mascot is a Harris's hawk named Bitchy. The bird is introduced at the start of every game and serves to scare seagulls away from BMO Field.

4 Where to watch

The Football Factory on Bathurst Street always draws a crowd for Toronto FC games, and the Duke of Gloucester (649 Yonge St.) and Scallywags (11 St. Clair Ave. West) are known soccer hangouts.

5 Sebastian Giovinco

The team's success this season has a lot to do with Sebastian Giovinco, an Italian forward who's kickstarted the team's offence. The 28-year-old striker broke the league's record for most combined goals in a season.

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Santa early for sick boy

BUCKET LIST

Christmas in October for terminally ill seven-year-old

It may only be October, but a terminally ill seven-year-old boy in southern Ontario had a white Christmas Saturday evening.

Doctors have said they didn't know if Evan Leversage, of St. George, Ont., would live to see this holiday season, so his town rallied around him to give him a final Christmas parade.

By Saturday afternoon, the ground outside his home was blanketed in artificial snow. There were ornaments in the trees and a sign that read "Santa, stop here" in the window. A snow machine brought a level of authenticity that is hard to come by even on December 25.

Evan has had an inoperable brain tumour since he was just two-years-old, and doctors told his family last month that the tumour had spread.

So Evan made a bucket list, which included a visit to Niagara Falls, a movie, and his favourite restaurant.

And of course, Christmas.

After Evan made his list in mid-September, his mother Nicole Wellwood asked her family and friends to have Christmas in October. Everyone said yes, and Evan's story spread around the world.

"It's been an experience that I don't think anyone's ever going to forget," Wellwood said. "It truly has been amazing having the love and support from this community as well as worldwide. It truly has been lifting up a lot of spirits and bringing in a lot of sunshine during a dark time."

Wellwood said she's used to getting help at Christmas.

"Being a single parent, when things are tight, there's been organizations … that made sure Christmas has always been very special for this family."

But the outpouring of support this year goes above and beyond all expectations, she said.

A GoFundMe campaign had raised nearly $30,000 for the family by the time the parade started. The money will go toward living expenses for the family and RESPs for Evan's two brothers.

"This is definitely magical, but also overwhelming on the same note," Wellwood said.

To cap off the evening, Evan received a special visit from Santa Claus and got to take a ride in his sleigh-like parade float as onlookers clapped and cheered.

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Evan Leversage rides in sleigh at a Christmas Parade in St. George, Ontario on Saturday October 24, 2015. Residents of the local community organized the parade for the seven-year-old has an inoperable brain tumour. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **It truly has been lifting up a lot of spirits and bringing in a lot of sunshine during a dark time.**
> Nicole Wellwood

VAUGHAN

Car crash kills two teens, five hurt

Two teenagers are dead following a single-vehicle collision in Vaughan Saturday night.

According to York Regional Police, a vehicle went off Teston Road, west of Pine Valley Drive, after 9 p.m. Police arrived on scene to find six people trapped inside.

A 15-year-old female died on scene while five others were rushed to hospital in serious to life-threatening condition. One of the victims, a 16-year-old male, later died in hospital.

The cause of the crash is unknown at this time, but the investigation continues. Teston Road between Kipling Avenue and Pine Valley Drive was closed for several hours.

Police are appealing the public for witnesses to come forward. Anyone with information is asked to call the Major Collision Investigation Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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REFUGEES

Burundians hope for change

Gilbert Ngabo
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Refugee advocates and members of Toronto's Burundian community are optimistic the new Liberal government will stop deporting failed refugee claimants back to the country.

The Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers has demanded a moratorium be declared against deporting over 100 Burundians, citing concerns about safety and human rights.

"We've had cases of people being deported and they end up taken in by police, tortured and abused before they flee again," said CARL president Raoul Boulakia.

It's a horrifying story Emmanuel Nkurunziza has heard only too often. Back in 2010, his friend Alain Ndabambarire was deported to Burundi from Montreal. Four years later, he was brutally attacked and injured from gunshots.

> **I strongly believe they'd be seriously harmed or even killed.**
> Emmanuel Nkurunziza

People hold placards as they demonstrate during the funeral of a Burundian journalist and his family after they were shot dead on Oct. 13. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Many more could meet the same fate if deported, Nkurunziza said.

"I strongly believe they'd be seriously harmed or even killed," he said, adding it would be a "double standard" since Canada has openly condemned the violence in Burundi and issued a red travel warning against trips to the country.

A climate of terror and violence has been raging in Burundi in recent years, and tensions have escalated after a failed coup and a controversial election that gave President Pierre Nkurunziza a third term in office.

International organizations have denounced the election and the United States has called for an immediate dialogue to stop the crisis.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada stopped short of the requested moratorium in August, when it allowed Burundian refugee claimants to apply for a new Pre-Removal Risk Assessment — a chance to review a person's file to determine if they're in danger.

Boulakia called the offer "pointless."

"That unit rejects almost 99 per cent of applications," he said. "It's basically like a slaughterhouse for refugees. They just always come up with excuses that people are not in danger."

A salute to defiant women

ART

Nigerian-born visual artist's show depicts strong females

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Artist Boloebi Charles Okah's latest show begins with a troubling childhood memory.

Born and raised in Nigeria, he still remembers a neighbouring woman screaming because her husband was assaulting her. It was a constant occurrence, yet no one in the community ever came to her rescue.

"It bothered me a lot," he said, adding people would say it's none of their business or even that the husband had the right to beat his wife.

"I wouldn't want that to happen to any of the women in my life."

Now 28, Okah is mounting a solo exhibition of paintings and sculptures capturing portraits of women. He's calling it Defiance, and it's a tribute to strong female figures who have impacted him.

"They include my sister, my mother, my wife and my aunts," he said.

Okah portrays them as fierce and confident.

"It's very evident the struggles that women go through in various places," he said. "When I put that in my family's perspective, I want women to be seen as stronger and capable, not as weaker and powerless."

Defiance opens Thursday at the gallery of Black Artists' Networks in Dialogue (1 Lansdowne Ave.) and runs until Nov. 22.

Boloebi Charles Okah in his home studio. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

MARKHAM

Woman charged in crash that killed girl

York Regional Police have charged a 39-year-old Markham woman following a crash Thursday that killed a four-year-old girl and seriously injured her seven-year-old sister.

The girls were crossing a road near Fieldside Street and Riverwalk Drive around 2 p.m. close to David Suzuki Public School in Markham when, according to police, a black Mercedes SUV struck them both.

Police identified the dead girl to media as Arisa Ahmed. York Regional Police confirmed this morning that her older sister Ayra is still alive, though she remains in serious condition.

The girls both lived on Riverwalk Drive just across from the school. According to several neighbours, their mother was watching as the two girls crossed the roadway before being struck.

Residents in the area who spoke to Torstar News Service said that they see cars driving way too fast in the area despite the public school near the intersection.

Gowry Somasekarampillai, 39, faces one charge of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and one charge of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing injury. She will appear in court on Nov. 26.

Investigators are looking for witnesses who may have seen the fatal crash. Anyone with information is asked to call 1-866-876-5423, extension 7704, or Crime Stoppers.

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IN BRIEF

Toronto-born rabbi dies after 2014 stabbing

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs says a Toronto-born rabbi has died of his injuries nearly a year after being stabbed at a Jerusalem synagogue.

CIJA says that Howie Chaim Rotman, 55, had been in a coma since he was critically injured in the attack by two Palestinian cousins in November 2014.

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Motorcyclist, 22, killed in Brampton crash

A 22-year-old male motorcyclist from Oakville has died following a crash at Mississauga Road and Queen Street West in Brampton Thursday evening.

According to Peel Regional Police, the motorcyclist was "involved in a violent collision" with an 18-year-old Brampton man driving an Acura. He was pronounced dead at the scene. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Son, 20, charged in slaying of mother in Mississauga

A 41-year-old Mississauga woman died Sunday morning following an alleged domestic dispute with her son on Saturday. Police have identified the victim as Vaishali Patel.

The woman's 20-year-old son, Kunal Bhavan, has been charged with second-degree murder.

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Death of man found in field ruled a homicide by police

Durham Regional Police have ruled a Toronto man's death a homicide after his body was found in a field in Pickering.

Police were called to the scene, near Sideline 4 north of Highway 7, at around 8:15 a.m. on Friday, where a passerby discovered the body.

The victim, Claren Troy Middleton, 25, died of a gunshot wound.

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Demand grows for legal pot

POLITICS

Dispensary owner hopes for legalization of marijuana

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Practically every day, Chris Cardozo sees proof there's a big market for legal marijuana.

He opened Toronto Holistic Cannaboids in Kensington Market three months ago. Since then, 274 patients have bought medical pot — and upwards of 5,000 others have come seeking marijuana without a prescription.

Cardozo hands them a prescription form from the government website, tells them to take it to their doctor and then turns them away. But, he'd rather just tax them.

"It's already legal for medical patients. Keep it like that, and you can tax everyone else who doesn't use it medically — that's where the government would make all their money," he said.

Cardozo is one of many hoping prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau follows through on his promise to make recreational pot use legal.

Immediately after the election, stock for several medical marijuana producers shot up and investment bank Dundee Capital Markets issued a statement pegging the recreational pot market in Canada at $5 billion.

It's hardly a surprise to Cardozo.

"We're in Kensington Market, so on a busy weekend, we have 100 to 200 people come through the store," he said.

"I really hope the government doesn't mess it up too, too much," he said. "I think they have the right idea and they just need to follow some of the guidelines set out in the states like Colorado where they're doing it properly, and making a lot of money and creating a lot of jobs."

Elliott Hanes, West Coast representative for the Canadian Compassion Dispensary, started using medical marijuana to control pain after a couple of very serious surgeries. He feels it's a better alternative than traditional painkillers, which have been proven to be addictive.

Chris Cardozo, owner of Toronto Holistic Cannaboids, at his Kensington Market store. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Hanes enjoys spreading that message to others, and recalls talking to a Canadian veteran about it recently.

"He'd been shot twice and had serious medical issues. He'd been taking serious pills for years and had a lot of pain," he said.

The suggestion that there could be another way to manage the pain brought the vet hope, he said.

"It's an industry I believe really strongly in."

Lessons from U.S. marijuana laws

A Colorado official has some sobering words of advice for Justin Trudeau if he fulfils his promise to legalize pot in Canada.

"It's going to be a lot harder to implement than you think. It's going to take a lot longer to do it. And it's going to cost more than you think," said Lewis Koski, director of the state's Marijuana Enforcement Division.

Colorado is one of four U.S. states to fully legalize recreational bud. Their challenges - including how to regulate edibles like brownies and cookies and a rise in drug-impaired driving — could be instructive for Canada's incoming prime minister.

Among the questions Trudeau's government could grapple with are whether to allow people to grow pot at home or buy it in stores, and how much sales tax to charge.

In Colorado, adults over 21 can grow up to six plants at home, while those who buy recreational weed in stores pay 25 per cent sales tax on top of the regular 2.9 per cent sales tax.

$141M

Colorado, one of four states to fully legalize recreational pot, has collected $141 million in taxes since January 2014.

The state has collected $141 million in taxes since storefront sales began in January 2014. But a portion of the tax earmarked for school construction projects has fallen short of a $40-million goal.

"We don't have a bunch of controversy around our rules because we've been transparent and open," said Rob Patridge, chair of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cabinet history in the works

Each day this week, Metro is taking an in-depth look at some of the immediate items on prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau's to-do list. Today, we examine his promise to have gender parity in cabinet.

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Justin Trudeau made one of his more striking campaign promises on a hot mid-June day when he was still in third place.

"My Liberal cabinet," he said, "will have an equal number of men and women."

The time has come to appoint that cabinet, one of the most important tasks for the prime minister-designate's transition team. If he keeps his promise on Nov. 4, his will be the first Canadian cabinet in history to feature gender parity.

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"I think it's smart politically, I think it's actually doable and it's a good idea," said University of Ottawa political-science professor Caroline Andrew, director of the school's Centre on Governance.

Choosing a cabinet is a delicate process involving many considerations, including region, language and political experience.

Outgoing prime minister Stephen Harper's final 39-person cabinet included 12 women (about 30 per cent). That was a higher proportion than the overall House of Commons, which had only 25 per cent female members of Parliament.

Trudeau has set the bar higher, which "gives him the opportunity to dig a little bit deeper into his women's caucus," said Nancy Peckford, national spokeswoman for Equal Voice, a multi-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women in Canada.

> **My Liberal cabinet will have an equal number of men and women.**
> Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau

Fifty Liberal women were elected on Monday, 42 of whom are first-time MPs.

"We think he will have no trouble finding highly-qualified, talented women to fill those posts," Peckford said.

When Trudeau made the announcement in June, some critics said Trudeau should just pick his cabinet regardless of gender and was compromising the possibility of appointing ministers on merit alone.

Peckford said that argument is "bogus, quite frankly."

"This is not a quota. This is a commitment to equality," she said. "We don't buy the argument at all that it will somehow limit his choices any more than any other consideration."

Among some good bets for a spot at the cabinet table: former editor and author Chrystia Freeland, former Assembly of First Nations B.C. regional chief Jody Wilson-Raybould, international trade lawyer and former UN adviser Catherine McKenna, Oxford-educated lawyer Mélanie Joly and former Newfoundland and Labrador cabinet minister Judy Foote.

Peckford said the promise is a positive signal to all 50 women in Trudeau's caucus, regardless of whether they're in cabinet, that he very much wants to value their voices and ensure they are able to make the best contribution possible.

Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau walks to a news conference from Parliament Hill in Ottawa last Tuesday.
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Deaths as boat sinks

TOFINO, B.C.

Twenty-seven people were on board whale watching vessel

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

At least three people are dead after a local whale watching boat sank off the coast of Tofino with 27 people on board on Sunday afternoon.

B.C. Emergency Health Services confirmed the fatalities, but a spokesperson said the number was based on early reports when rescuers started bringing passengers back to shore around 5 p.m.

Four additional people were transported to a nearby hospital, two of whom were subsequently flown by critical care helicopters to larger centres. Five more people were rewarmed in private homes under the observation of paramedics.

The condition of the remaining 15 passengers is not clear.

As of 5 p.m., crews were conducting a search to confirm everyone had been recovered, according to a voice mail from the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria.

An employee confirmed the boat belonged to Jamie's Whaling Station, an award-winning company that has operated in Clayoquot Sound and Barkley Sound for more than 30 years.

"Our focus is on our passengers and the crew right now and we will be providing more information when the time is appropriate," the employee said.

The company's website describes itself as safety focused and says it uses certified guides. Its fleet includes smaller zodiac-style boats along side larger vessels.

Tofino RCMP was also involved in the incident, but couldn't immediately be reached Sunday.

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Aboriginals rock the vote

Aboriginal activists who spent months mobilizing First Nations communities say Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper's attempt to disenfranchise aboriginal voters backfired and fuelled turnout so high that some reserves ran out of ballots.

Some aboriginal communities saw voter turnout spike by up to 270 per cent in the Oct. 19 election despite the Fair Elections Act which made it harder for someone to vote without approved identification.

In the riding of Kenora, which includes 40 First Nations in northern Ontario, voting on the reserves was up 73 per cent — almost 3,000 voters. At least four of those First Nations ran out of ballots and either used photocopies or waited for more to be brought in.

"It was so heartening to see," said Tania Cameron, a driving force in getting those people out to the polls — many for the first time — both in Ontario and across Canada.

The band councillor in Dalles First Nation started up First Nations Rock the Vote on Facebook and organized countless "ID clinics" where people could see if they were registered or had the required identification to cast a ballot. Others started up similar chapters across the country.

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde casts his vote. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

A record 10 aboriginal MPs were elected when the Liberals swept to power Monday, ending the Conservative rule of almost a decade. In Kenora, where aboriginal voter turnout was high, Conservative Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford went down in defeat.

Although Elections Canada has not calculated national aboriginal voter turnout yet, chiefs say the election "awoke a sleeping giant" amongst a usually quiet electorate. Leah Gazan, a First Nations activist and education instructor at the University of Winnipeg, said the turnout was a direct reaction to the divisive tactics of the Harper government. Bringing in Bill C-51 — which many felt criminalized First Nations activists — and cutting funding for aboriginal organizations only strengthened the resolve of First Nations voters, she said.

"Part of the reason why they don't pay attention is because of voter turnout — it doesn't impact their privilege," she said. "With a higher indigenous turnout, they'll know they can't take it for granted." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A column of migrants moves through fields in Rigonce, Slovenia, on Sunday after crossing from Croatia. DARKO BANDIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrant crisis spurs EU summit

POLITICS

Leaders lash out over handling of massive influx

European leaders lashed out Sunday at each other's handling of the continent's greatest immigration crisis since World War II, even as they came together to seek ways to ease the plight of the tens of thousands marching across the Balkans toward the European Union's heartland.

At a hastily called emergency summit in Brussels, 11 EU and Balkan leaders were especially looking to shore up Greece's porous border with Turkey and slow the flow of people.

"Extraordinary times demand extraordinary measures," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said.

Nearly 250,000 migrants have passed through the Balkans since mid-September.

Croatia said 11,500 people crossed into the country Saturday, the highest in a single day since Hungary put up a fence and refugees started coming into Croatia in mid-September.

Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar said his tiny Alpine nation was being overwhelmed by the refugees — with 60,000 arriving in the last 10 days — and was not receiving enough help from its EU partners.

"What are we going to do with hundreds of thousands of these people?
Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic

He put the challenge in simple terms: if no fresh approach is forthcoming "in the next few days and weeks, I do believe that the European Union and Europe as a whole will start to fall apart."

Many say the EU needs to get control of the refugee flow at the bloc's external border between EU-member Greece and Turkey.

Migration experts say, however, the flood of refugees won't be halted until the world resolves the war in Syria, which is driving millions out of the country. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fire kills 17, injures 71 in Indonesian karaoke bar

Seventeen people were killed in a fire that raced through a packed karaoke bar early Sunday on Indonesia's Sulawesi island, and 71 others were hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

Witnesses told authorities the fire started at around 1 a.m. as hundreds of people were singing in private rooms at the club in downtown Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi province.

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MIDDLE EAST

Easing of tensions feared temporary

John Kerry's latest Mideast mission has aimed for the modest goal of easing tensions around Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site — the focal point of more than a month of deadly unrest.

But the steps announced by the U.S. secretary of state over the weekend did little to address the deeper issues behind the fighting, raising fears that it is just a matter of time before another round of violence erupts.

Kerry announced the steps on Saturday after several days of meetings with Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian leaders. The highlight was a Jordanian proposal to install surveillance cameras at the Jerusalem holy site, known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary.

The Palestinians allege that Israel is trying to change the status quo at the site, which allows non-Muslims to visit but not pray.

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Refugees live in squalor

TURKEY AND NORTHERN IRAQ

16,000 Yazidis persecuted by ISIL desperate for asylum

In August 2014, the eyes of the world were fixed on Mount Sinjar, a sun-scorched mountain in northern Iraq, where thousands of Yazidis were besieged by Islamic State militants bent on killing, raping and enslaving them.

In the following months, horrifying stories emerged of women and girls who had managed to escape from IS. The militants boasted that rape and slavery were just punishments for "infidels" who belong to an ancient minority that does not fit their extreme definition of Islam.

A year later, the world's focus has moved on to the Syrian refugee crisis that is overwhelming Europe's borders.

But in Iraqi Kurdistan, as well as refugee camps in Turkey, the traumatized Yazidi girls and women, and their relatives, are living in squalor, facing a second harsh winter with dwindling hope — and without the basic food, shelter and sanitation they need to sustain them.

When Prime Minister elect Justin Trudeau takes office next month, one of the first petitions on his desk will be from Yazidi advocates, pleading for Canada, Australia and the U.S. to open their doors to about 16,000 refugees they say have suffered "genocide" and urgently need asylum.

The plea follows a UN human rights report, which said that the atrocities committed by the jihadists may amount to genocide. And last month advocacy groups Yazda and the Free Yezidi Foundation delivered a report to the International Criminal Court seeking recognition of the case as genocide.

An investigation into possible genocide was launched this month by three European researchers who have documented Nazi war crimes, backed by the French foreign ministry. They are interviewing witnesses to atrocities and victims of IS kidnappings. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A Yazidi refugee child from Mosul, Iraq, laughs while playing with her mother after spending the night near an abandoned military barrack in Beli Manastir, Croatia, near the Hungarian border Sept. 19. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Yazidi boy from Iraq walks at a refugee camp in the Kurdish town of Derik (aka al-Malikiyah in Arabic), in the northeastern Hasakeh governorate, on the border with Turkey and Iraq. DELIL SOULEIMAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

MIDDLE EAST

Five killed by heavy weather

Severe weather swept across the Middle East on Sunday, pounding Israel with baseball-sized hail, sending torrents of uncollected garbage through the streets of Beirut and killing six people in Egypt, five of whom were electrocuted by a fallen power cable.

The cable from a tramway in the coastal city of Alexandria landed in streets flooded with water, electrocuting the five, senior health official Magdy Hegazy said.

The flooding in Egypt's second-largest city, a major port and former shipping and trade centre, underlines how basic infrastructure such as drainage systems are still lacking despite the demands of a surging population.

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Haiti's former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide waves to supporters after casting his ballot at a polling station during presidential elections in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Sunday.
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Haiti votes for next president

POLITICS

Partial results not expected for at least 10 days

Haitians faced lengthy ballots featuring 54 presidential hopefuls and a slew of legislative and municipal candidates Sunday as they selected leaders they hope can lift the nation out of chronic poverty and turbulence.

The presidential field was so crowded and confusing that there was little clarity about who might be leading as voting wrapped up in late afternoon. Pre-election polls were unreliable and contradictory, and no election results were expected for at least 10 days.

Voting was relatively orderly across the nation of some 10 million people, although there was some confusion and logistical problems.

At a voting centre in Port-au-Prince's Martissant slum, an elections supervisor repeatedly yelled at dozens of people trying to force their way in. "No voting two times!" People shouted back that they were being prevented from voting once.

"I'm here to vote, and they are trying to stop me," complained Varnel Polycard, a vendor of phone chargers who walked away fuming.

Each of Haiti's more than 120 parties was allowed to send monitors to polling places, where they got their own voting done early. At a polling centre in the Petionville suburb of Port-au-Prince, monitors shoved one another in a voting line and masked police gave the unruliest partisans in line short zaps with a Taser.

But balloting was generally tranquil in many parts of the country, though there were sporadic reports of irregularities and roughly 70 arrests. Officials had no immediate estimate of national voter turnout.

Celso Amorim, chief of the Organization of American States' 125-member observer mission, offered few specifics as polls closed but said Haiti appeared to be "moving in the right direction."

While the gritty district of Cite Soleil suffered from pre-election violence, it appeared to have the busiest voting centre in the Port-au-Prince area.

"Nothing can scare me from trying to see my country develop and see if Haiti can get better for my grandchildren," Rosianne Jean said after casting her votes at a school in the deeply poor area of shacks and garbage-lined canals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEMOCRACY

Elections around the world

Argentina

Argentines vote for the successor to President Cristina Fernandez, a polarizing leader who dominated national politics for 12 years. Her chosen successor, Daniel Scioli, is the front-runner, according to polls published last week.

Colombia

A bicycle-riding economist is leading in polls to regain the South American country's second-most-important post, mayor of the capital, Bogota. Several governorships are also at stake.

Ukraine

Elections for local councils are seen as a test of strength for President Petro Poroshenko's government. Voting is not taking place in parts of eastern Ukraine controlled by Russia-backed rebels.
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Copyright regime threatened by deal

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Activists look to Trudeau to defend the current system

Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau, on the campaign trail, criticized the secrecy under which the Trans-Pacific Partnership was negotiated. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Copyright activists say Canadians could face lawsuits, fines or worse for ripping the latest Justin Bieber CD or uploading an animated GIF of Jose Bautista's bat-flip under a new trade deal, and they're calling on the newly elected Justin Trudeau to act.

A major part of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) deal finalized Oct. 5 involves harmonizing copyright laws in the 12 Pacific Rim countries — including Canada, the United States, Australia and Japan — that are signatories to the deal. While the final text of the trade agreement has yet to be published, the website Wikileaks released what it claims is the intellectual property chapter of the TPP on Oct. 9.

"Canadians don't realize that the way that they use the Internet every day is going to change dramatically," said Meghan Sali, a spokeswoman for the digital-rights advocacy group OpenMedia.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, an American advocacy group, has said the TPP threatens to override Canada's copyright regime and promotes the interests of copyright owners and corporations at the expense of the public.

Under Canada's current laws, ISPs and other companies that receive copyright complaints are only required to notify their users about the potential breach, and copyright holders must convince a court if they want the offending content removed.

Sali said the TPP deal could replace this so-called notice-and-notice system with the U.S. notice-and-takedown system, in which content is blocked or removed as soon as the first complaint is made.

"It looks like we're going to be accepting website blocking and Internet censorship through the back door," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SHARING ECONOMY

Airbnb battles curbs at home

Travellers worldwide may love using Airbnb to book vacation stays, but the company that revolutionized home-sharing faces a hostile ballot measure in the city where it was founded.

Proposition F on the Nov. 3 San Francisco ballot would limit short-term rentals to 75 days a year and require hosting companies such as Airbnb to yank listings that violate the limit.

The city would be required to notify neighbours when a person registers to host. The measure would enable pricey lawsuit damages against violators, including the hosting platform. Current city law limits unhosted rentals to 90 days. There are no limits on hosted rentals.

Airbnb, by far the largest home-share platform in the city and in the world, has donated $8 million US and counting to defeat the proposed ordinance. It has saturated television with ads, even trying to sway voters last week with a botched billboard campaign reminding people of the hotel taxes its service collects. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In the Back to the Future movies of the 1980s and 1990s, Marty McFly took his garbage-powered vehicle to 2015, a futuristic landscape of self-lacing sneakers, hover boards and bionic brain implants. We asked our readers if the real 2015 is humdrum by comparison and what era they would like to visit. Thirty years hence, McFly-style? Or even further afield?

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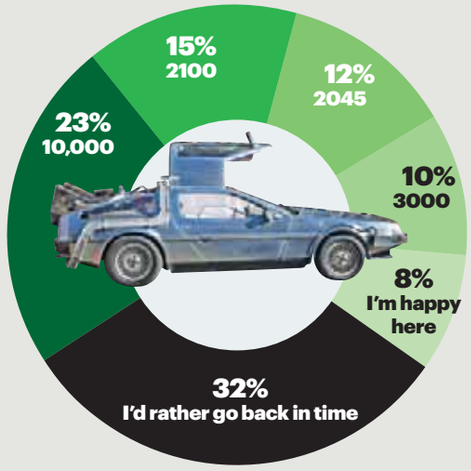
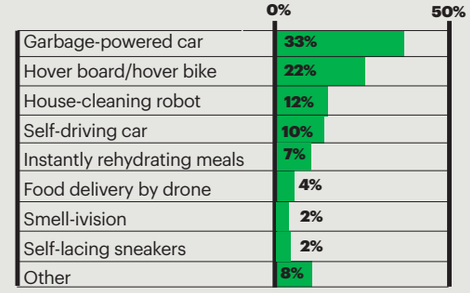


2 What futuristic invention are you still waiting for?



3 If 1985 people travelled to 2015, what do you think they'd be most disappointed about?

29% Terrorism/national-security fears
27% Environmental destruction/climate change
23% Internet culture
8% The music scene
7% Decline of books and print media
2% Doping in sports
4% Other

METRO READERS

Tory must be specific to sell me on SmartTrack

TORY'S TORONTO

Matt Elliott

A full year after he was elected mayor, a whole lot of questions about Mayor John Tory's biggest and most expensive campaign promise remain frustratingly unanswered.

We just don't know much about SmartTrack.

The unanswered questions aren't minor, either. This isn't just me wondering about nerdy details. These are fundamental questions — existential ones.

Questions like, hey, what exactly is SmartTrack?

And also: If SmartTrack didn't exist, would anything about Toronto's current transit planning really change?

The questions have been weighing on my mind. The need for better transit infrastructure is Toronto's most important issue. With a new federal government, there's an opportunity to make some progress.

But doing that means the city needs to get its transit priorities right. That's going to be hard to do when the mayor is so closely tied to such a vague transit plan.

To understand just how vague, consider this hypothetical. Imagine a world where Tory had never run for mayor. In this scenario, no one ever decided to take the word "Smart" and smoosh it together with the word "Track."

Would Toronto lose much in this reality? It doesn't appear so.

The central idea behind SmartTrack — using electrified GO Transit corridors for more frequent service — was in the works at the provincial level before Tory's name hit the ballot.

Since then, Metrolinx, the provincial agency responsible for GTA transit, has been fleshing out their Regional Express Rail (RER) plan. As details emerge, it's become increasingly unclear what SmartTrack can realistically add to it.

The plans are so similar that Metrolinx CEO Bruce McCuaig recently warned staff at city hall that it would be "unaffordable and unworkable" for SmartTrack to be its own independent service.

So what exactly is Tory talking about when he talks about SmartTrack?

Slightly more frequent RER service? Cheaper fares? An expensive underground rail line on Eglinton West, where light rail has already been planned and studied? City branding rights?

Are any of those potential additions to the provincial strategy worth Toronto's estimated $2.7-billion share of the project — part of a total $8-billion cost — contemplated by Tory?

Answers need to come quick. All the ink and oxygen expelled so far on Tory's plan has taken away from defined projects like the East Bayfront LRT, the relief line subway and the extension of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT to Pearson Airport.

At city hall last week, Tory warned people not to be "Douglas or Debbie Downers" about SmartTrack. It was an odd sentiment, suggesting that the success of his transit plan might partially rest on people keeping a positive attitude.

I don't buy it.

If Tory wants us to feel good about the plan he's offering, tell us first why it needs to exist.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Every year when fall comes calling, I need to eat everything

Maybe your day also started like this.

Breakfast: grapefruit and a pumpkin muffin. Apple for elevenses. Soup for lunch, salad for second lunch, second muffin for afternoon snack, granola bar for early evening snack, a plum, the last coq au vin leftovers for dinner, one-quarter of a bag of Applewood Smoked BBQ potato chips for after-dinner snack and for dessert: six pieces of sea-salted milk chocolate. There might have been a mandarin orange in there, but I can't quite recall.

You can understand why.

Each year, the fall comes along, and I seem to want to eat it. The only acceptable time to not be eating appears to be when I'm asleep.

This time, I stopped to wonder what odd compulsive reflex has come over me. So I looked it up. Turns out some studies have shown that we do indeed consume more calories when the days get darker and colder.

We — not just me — seasonally overeat. The why appears up for debate. Maybe we have a bear-like urge to store calories. Maybe we're sucked into the flavours and gluttony that seem synonymous with the season.

I'm actually not, it turns out, too concerned about the why. Having seen that there is a) a definite human trend here and b) some possible answers, I'm satisfied. Informationally speaking. And I like both answers.

If it's the first, then it's a function of my biology — and sure, I could exert some extra self-control, but if I don't, I've got company among the masses.

If it's the second, then I'm only responding to the gravitational pull of cinnamon, cumin and red wine, bacon in my stews, extra butter on toast and extra cream in tomato soup.

By drawing me to food, the fall draws me into my kitchen, for hours, half the weekend, the whole weekend, pouring over recipes for Vietnamese lemongrass beef stew, beef bourguignon or a Burmese curry. The sunny, chilly day is best spent strolling in and out of small grocers and butchers and bulk shops, then home again to watch light from the window slowly crawl across the wall.

Stowing away, and letting the hours pass in the many voices coming from the radio and the heat of the oven.

Sinking into food — the creative, aromatic and physical pleasures of making and tasting it — is an autumn gift.

Eat up.

We — not just me — seasonally overeat. The why appears to be up for debate.

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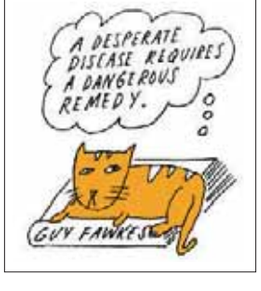

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Scaring Springfield for 26 years

THE SIMPSONS

A countdown of the show's best Halloween specials

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Canada

Treehouse of Horror V: The Shinning spoofed Stanley Kubrick's classic film. CONTRIBUTED

Our favourite citizens of Springfield got to unleash their yearly dose of horror, sci-fi and supernatural spoofing Sunday night — The Simpsons annual Halloween special, Treehouse of Horror.

This year's edition of the spooktacular was highlighted by a segment featuring Springfield's most sinister villain, Sideshow Bob, finally accomplishing his life goal of obliterating Bart Simpson…just for the episode.

In honour of 26 years of Simpsons Halloween tradition and Bob's landmark achievement, we thought we would rank the top seven most memorable Treehouse of Horror segments of all time. Ready to relive the terror and hilarity?

7 Treehouse of Horror VI: Homer (1995)

The Homer segment from 1995's Treehouse of Horror episode was so good. In a spoof of The Twilight Zone's classic Little Lost Girl episode, we got to witness Homer Simpson accidentally turning 3D and getting trapped in the real world. The nerdy quantum physics jokes were good, but seeing Homer walking amongst us was even better.

6 Treehouse of Horror XIX: It's the Grand Pumpkin, Milhouse (2008)

If The Simpsons was going to spoof It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown, it had to be classic. And it was. In the standout segment from 2008's Treehouse of Horror special, The Simpsons' Peanuts parody wasn't only cute, it was gory and hilarious too. As a nice touch, it also featured Vince Guaraldi's classic Charlie Brown music.

5 Treehouse of Horror III: Clown Without A Pity (1992)

Clown Without A Pity from 1992's Treehouse of Horror was not only excellent, it was legitimately terrifying too. The segment spoofed another Twilight Zone classic, Living Doll. Homer brought home a cursed, murderous Krusty The Clown doll as a birthday present for Bart, and the tiny toy attempts to murder him. You can't really blame Homer though…the doll did come with free frogurt.

4 Treehouse of Horror V: Time And Punishment (1994)

In 1994's hilarious Time In Punishment segment (a spoof on Ray Bradbury's A Sound of Thunder), Homer taught us that if a time machine toaster ever transports us back to prehistoric time, never, ever step on anything. It will change the future as we know it. In all fairness, donut rainstorms don't sound too bad. This was a great one.

3 Treehouse of Horror IV: The Devil And Homer Simpson (1993)

In this awesome spoof of Stephen Vincent Benét's The Devil and Daniel Webster, Homer wants a donut so bad that he sells his soul to the devil. Satan, who happens to be Simpson's peppy, super-Christian neighbour Ned Flanders, gets mad when our favourite animated dad tries to skip out on the deal. Ned memorably transforms Homer's head into a giant donut…and Simpson proceeds to nibble at it. It's one of the standout images from the Treehouse of Horror series.

2 Treehouse of Horror VII: Citizen Kang (1996)

1996's Treehouse of Horror segment Citizen Kang acted as a brilliant spoof on mid-'90s American politics. In an effort to take over the planet, sinister aliens Kang and Kodos abducted Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, and posed as them for them for the presidential election.

Not surprisingly, their ridiculous sounding promises and policies weren't too far off from the real candidates'. It was classic.

1 Treehouse of Horror V: The Shinning (1994)

It only makes sense that a parody of one of the best, most terrifying movies of all time inspired the best Treehouse of Horror segment ever made. The Shinning was a hilarious spoof on the classic Kubrick flick The Shining. It was spooky, hilarious and a solid Halloween homage.

THREE THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW

1. It almost ended after its third installment
Treehouse of Horror III was so poorly received after its initial internal screening that it had to undergo over 100 line changes. Executive producers Al Jean and Mike Reiss considered scrapping the annual series after that installment, but were overruled.

2. The series was initially inspired by EC Comics
EC Comics, the publisher responsible for printing the famous horror series Tales From the Crypt as well as sci-fi publications Weird Fantasy and Weird Science was the original inspiration for Treehouse of Horror I.

3. Simpsons writers were worried it was too scary
Remember how the first five Treehouse specials opened with disclaimers warning viewers about the spooks that were about to transpire? They were added to the top of each special because the writers thought their audience would be scared and put off by the departure from standard episodes. The disclaimers were dropped after Treehouse of Horror V.

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Stefani and ex settle speedily

As far as the dissolution of celebrity marriages go, this one seems pretty swift. Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale have already reached a settlement in the divorce proceedings they started in August after announcing their split, according to TMZ, and apparently Rossdale is taking less than half of their common property in an effort to make things go smoothly. How big of him. They apparently didn't have a prenup, by the way.

They'll also be going the joint custody route for their three sons, though Rossdale is expected to have them more since his work schedule isn't as hectic as hers.

That's the kind of subtle burn I appreciate, TMZ sources.

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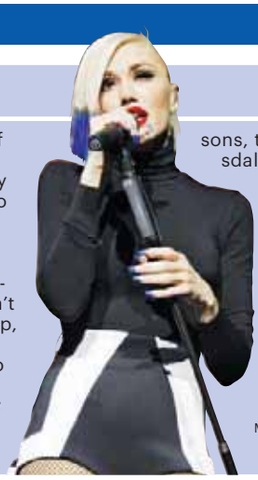

Sherlock in knots over red ribbons

Calm down, Cumberbunnies. Or, rather, one Cumberbunny in particular. Benedict Cumberbatch, who is known for having some rather passionate fans, has found it necessary to call in the police after an obsessed female fan made repeated trips to his London home and left mysterious red ribbons on the building and his car, according to the Sunday Mirror.

"Benedict is used to people mobbing him wherever he goes and he's a good sport about it. But this individual has taken things to the next level and there was no option but to pursue official action," a source says.

"It might be that she thinks it's harmless, but it does feel a bit sinister.

"Leaving red ribbons is obviously a bit of a game, but it does feel quite dark."

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Renner clarifies pay-gap remarks

GENDER EQUITY

JLaw costar says others negotiate his contracts

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After Jennifer Lawrence wrote her blistering essay for Lena Dunham about pay inequality and Bradley Cooper came out strongly in support of the issue, someone thought, "Hey, I wonder what the rest of the American Hustle cast thinks of all this?"

Too bad they asked Jeremy Renner next. "That's not my job," Renner said when asked about negotiating alongside female costars to ensure fair treatment. "I don't know contracts and money and all that sort of stuff. When it comes to that sort of stuff I let other people deal with that."

So it's not so much that Renner is anti-women so much as he's just bad at math.

Renner has since clarified his remarks, writing on WhoSay: "A person should be rewarded only by their merit or service to their given field. Gender, race, creed, or sexual orientation should have absolutely no influence in pay, positively or negatively."

Jeremy Renner says he's bad at money. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

GHOSTBUSTERS SEQUEL

Wiig feels whupped by haters

Hey, remember when Paul Feig announced his all-female Ghostbusters reboot and an unsettling portion of the Internet reacted with hostility? That wasn't a great day for star Kristen Wiig, as it turns out.

"The fact there was so much controversy because we were women was surprising to me," Wiig tells the L.A. Times.

"Some people said some really not nice things about the fact that there were women. It didn't make me mad, it just really bummed me out. We're really honouring these movies."

Great job, jerks.

You bummed out Kristen Wiig. That is just not cool.

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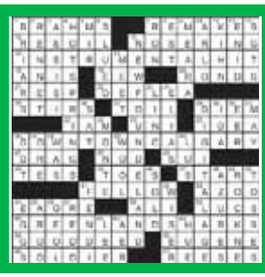

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Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

If you've been keeping track of where your money goes, you may be surprised at how often you buy coffee, gum, a mid-afternoon snack. How about how often you go into shoe stores, tool stores, restaurants for lunch? See what a spending journal does? It makes you aware of where your money is going. (If you haven't started using one yet, all you need is a notebook and pen, and the will.)

Someone smart said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

Tired of being financially insane? Ready to make some changes?

If you've been unware about where your money goes for quite some time, it's probably going to take some effort to develop new habits.

Don't get impatient with yourself. Impatience will only distract you from the task at hand. You have, after all, a lot to learn.

You have to:

- Distinguish between "needs" and "wants"
- Communicate with your friends and family about your new awakening and the changes you'll be making
- Recognize the impact marketing and advertising has on you, and resolve not to be influenced
- Create a balanced budget and track your expenses on a daily or weekly basis
- Recognize the importance of saving both for emergencies and for the long term
- Do the hard work it will take to come up with a debt repayment plan and then execute that plan
- Learn to see not only today's immediate needs, but to plan for things you will need and want in the future
- Lead by example: show your children how to take charge of their money so they don't end up making the same mistakes you did
- Be willing to seek help if you feel overwhelmed or become lost along the way.

Change is never easy. Most people hate change. There will be times when you fall off the rails. You'll lose track of a receipt and kick yourself. You'll skip the comparison-shopping because you just didn't have time. Or you'll buy something that's not in your budget because, well, you just did.

You're only human, so you're bound to make mistakes. The key is to right your rocky boat quickly and tack back on track. It is also important — if you want the change to stick — that you be able to identify at least one benefit you'll gain by changing how you deal with your money.

If you can hold that idea front and centre in your mind — if you know what's really important to you — you're much more likely to stick to the new game plan.

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Young families are fleeing the city and suburbs for a slower life

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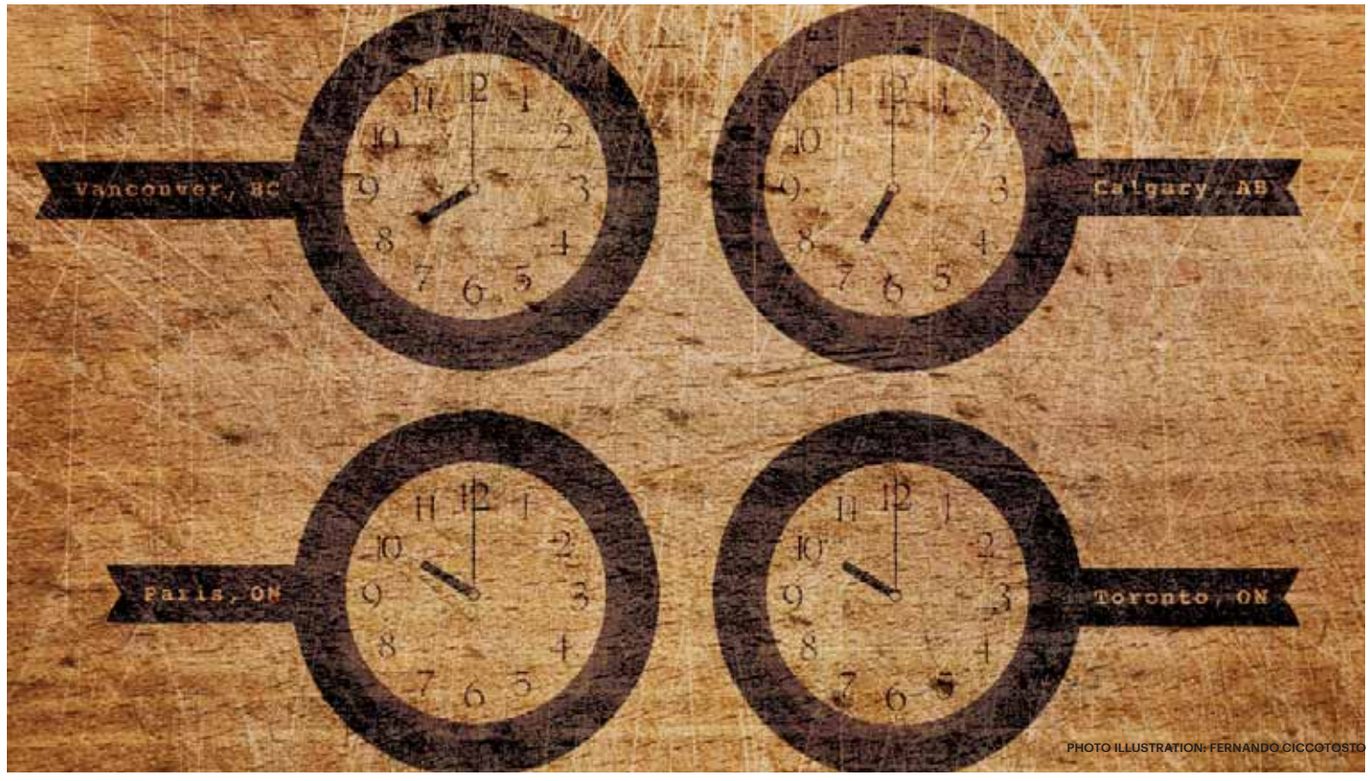

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Cassie McDaniel, 32, and her husband couldn't imagine raising a child in their small Toronto apartment. So when they had a baby, they decided to move. But the pair didn't stop when they hit Etobicoke, Mississauga or even Hamilton. Instead, they opted to buy in the quaint town of Paris, Ont., population 11,000.

It was a bit of an adjustment for the pair, who had to say goodbye to conveniently located ethnic food options and more than a few friends, she says. But McDaniel, design director for Mozilla who works remotely, says they were attracted to the town for its burgeoning art and design community, as well as Paris' picturesque qualities, and since the move, she's met a number of other young people opting to ditch the city for small-town charm.

While conventional wisdom says millennials (those born between 1977 and 1995) want to live in cities, the high cost of housing, increased opportunities to work from home and exported city-like amenities (such as cute coffee shops, fashion houses and hip pubs) are driving some millennials out of the core. Out of the suburbs even.

The cohort is increasingly choosing to live in small rural towns, on farms or even in cabins in the woods.

The same things that drove this cohort to the cities is driving them to small rural towns, says Leigh Gallagher, author of The End of the Suburbs. The car-dependent, sterile suburb, where the majority of today's Gen Y grew up, holds little appeal. Today's young adults want to be close to the action, she says.

"They want to be steps away to some kind of downtown where you can get your pour-over coffee, see friends or a show," she says. They don't want to be bored, and suburbs are boring."

In cities, that means increased demand, and prices, for homes, which means younger adults are being priced out of the market. A recent study by Angus Reid found 45 per cent 18- to 34-year-olds were seriously considering leaving Toronto because of the high cost of housing.

Going rural is also a rejection of the trend of trying to cram more people than ever in increasingly smaller space, says Gallagher. Today, the average condo is 797 square feet, down from 925 a few years ago, according to RealNet Canada. And that doesn't take into account the bevy of micro condos set to open over the next few years. Millennials are being physically crowded out of the market.

After 11 years in Toronto, Douglas Paton, 35, says he and his wife were "done" with crowded city living. When his wife decided to pursue a career in the wine industry, the pair moved to Summerland, B.C., population 11,250, 25 minutes away from Kelowna. As a writer Paton can work anywhere, and having grown up in a small town, he says the isolation is a welcome change from the throngs of people.

While Summerland doesn't have much in the way of hip, millennial-desirable amenities, the proximity to Kelowna, population 106,710, means he is never left wanting.

That said, while many millennials romanticize this simpler country living, it's not always easy to live in small rural towns.

Driven out of Vancouver due to high housing prices, Serena McCarroll, 40, and her partner moved to Bruno, Sask. to open a small art collective/coffee shop. But a lack of driver's licence and the uncertainty of business meant McCarroll was often alone while her partner found work outside of the town of 500. While she went in knowing it might be lonely in a new town where nobody knows you, yet everybody does — people were untrusting of strangers and didn't rally behind the art collective/coffee shop concept — McCarroll says she under estimated how isolating it would be.

In the end, she fell into depression before deciding to pursue her masters at Ryerson so she could go "get to the biggest city possible," she says.

While she made a few friends in town, the majority of her new friends came from followers of her blog from big cities, who romanticized the small-town way of life and wanted to learn more.

Back in Paris, on a picture-perfect fall afternoon sitting in the Brown Dog coffee shop along the vibrant tree-lined banks of the Grand River, it's hard not to romanticize a quieter life.

Inside, it's bustling, the gourmet food shop owners talk about the uptick in tourists coming for Paris' "famous cheeses," and there's a buzz of excitement over a new co-working and maker space going up in an old mill. Downtown Paris is where the action is.

"(It's) definitely a more slowed down, rural existence, but (these small towns) have the connection (to) and the same amenities as the cities," says Gallagher.

"What I think is lost in the argument (about the end of suburbs) is millennials are perfectly happy being in the right kind of rural area with a cool downtown."

Douglas Paton and his wife Krissy Neilsen, pictured above with their daughter Paige, left Toronto to settle in B.C.'s Okanagan wine region. ISTOCK, COURTESY DOUGLAS PATON

RANKINGS

The best small towns

In its annual survey, MoneySense magazine ranks the top places to live in Canada, based on factors like rates of crime, home ownership versus renting, commutes and the quality of arts and culture. Here are the Top 3 small towns (that aren't suburbs of nearby cities).

- Stratford, Ont.: population 32,536.
- Canmore, Alta.: population 12,288
- Comox, B.C.: population 14,328

The evolution of corporate speak

OFFICE SPACE

CEOs ditch the jargon to connect with employees

Eleni Deacon
For Metro Canada

Today's most famous CEOs may be more communicative but they're still in charge. ISTOCK

"Emails like this are usually riddled with corporate speak so I'm going to give it to you straight," wrote Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey in an all-staff memo delivered early last week — during which he announced that 336 employees would be laid off as part of a company-wide restructuring.

Dorsey said that Twitter's recent and upcoming projects represent "a bold peek into the future," adding that "the world needs a strong Twitter."

He said downsizing was essential to produce a "streamlined road map" for Twitter's brands. When revealing the actual layoffs — in the fourth paragraph of the email — he said Twitter planned to "part ways" with workers whose roles were no longer necessary to achieve the company's vision. It may not be incomprehensible business babble — but it's not straight-shooting, either.

At just under 350 words, Dorsey's email is relatively short compared to other high-profile layoff notices. In the summer of 2014, Microsoft's then-executive vice president of devices and services Stephen Elop made headlines when he sent staff a jargon-padded disaster that buried the crux of his dispatch — that 12,500 jobs were getting cut — under 1,100 words of pseudo-inspirational tech-industry gibberish.

Dorsey's email is more to the point — and more appreciative of his staff's efforts. However, it doesn't so much avoid corporate speak as disguise corporate speak beneath a we're-all-friends-here veneer.

Fading are the days when the big boss sequestered him or herself in their own wing of a soulless office tower. Today's most famous CEOs are average Joes — albeit very, very rich average Joes — who dress casually, give rousing conference talks, and speak to staff like they're buds. So Dorsey's email might represent a new type of boss-talk: one in which the higher-ups soften their emphasis on the bottom line by making employees feel like they're in the inner circle. Sure, you got fired — but who can feel resentful when the boss is such a cool guy?

Key point: the laid-off staffers aren't on the inside. They're being given a handshake, a healthy severance package, and the boot. On a day-to-day basis, a shift to relatable CEOs may make workers feel less like minions and more empowered. But Dorsey's message could also serve as a (literally) friendly reminder of how language, even when outlining painful reductions, can still create distance between the leader and the cutbacks — not through unintelligible corporate prattle, but by articulating a gentler image of those on the higher rungs. At least he didn't use hashtags.

IN BRIEF

Doorman start-up: no more missed packages

After amassing $1.5 million in seed funding earlier this summer, start-up Doorman is now live in Chicago and preparing a New York launch, too.

Based in San Francisco, the company announced on Friday that it has gone live in the Windy City.

With more and more people opting to order anything and everything online, but work and life schedules resulting in many a missed package, Doorman offers a solution: it signs for and holds users' packages at a warehouse, also called a "Doorman address." Clients can then schedule their packages' delivery between 6 p.m. and midnight, seven days a week.

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TFC must beware of Drog' as Impact awaits in playoffs

MLS

Ivorian nets two in win, Vanney's men face him again in away tie

SUNDAY in Montreal

IMPACT	TORONTO
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The Montreal Impact defeated Toronto FC only to find out they will face them again in the same place on Thursday, only this time in the Major League Soccer playoffs.

After falling behind and being outplayed in the first half, the Impact roared back with two goals from Didier Drogba to defeat TFC 2-1 Sunday on the final day of the regular season.

The victory moved the Impact (15-13-6) into third place in the Eastern Conference while TFC (15-15-4) fell to sixth place. Montreal's Saputo Stadium will be the venue Thursday when the teams meet again in a single-game knockout playoff game.

"It's Toronto, so it's always special, but it's a playoff game now," said Montreal captain Patrice Bernier. "It doesn't matter who we're going to play.

"It's a one-off, so we have to show up from the first minute."

The Impact got a scare late in the match when Drogba came up limping after a painful knock on the right leg from Ahmed Kantari, but he stayed in the game and said he should be OK for the playoff game.

Jozy Altidore scored for TFC, which dominated the first half only to see the tables turned after the intermission.

Coach Greg Vanney has four days to figure out a way to stop former Chelsea star Drogba, who helped Montreal go 7-2-2 down the stretch to earn its first ever home game in the MLS postseason.

"We've had a dress rehearsal, so you have a sense of what to expect.," said Vanney. "The two teams have felt each other out.

"For us, it's just the decision of going home or coming back and how to plan these next few days so we can recover and come back in the best form, physically, to compete. Tonight had a lot of little subplots that make a next match very interesting."

Montreal Impact's Marco Donadel, right, challenges TFC's goal scorer on the night Jozy Altidore during second half on Sunday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A sellout crowd of 20,801 at Saputo Stadium, including a vocal group of a few hundred from Toronto, saw the Impact reach MLS season highs of 15 wins and 51 points. TFC has also had a record campaign, reaching the playoffs for the first time.

The Reds went into Decision Day, when all Eastern Conference teams played at the same time, with a shot at second place and a bye to the semifinals, although a Columbus win over D.C. United put that out of reach.

They emerged with a well deserved lead at the intermission, creating most of the first half chances and containing Drogba in their own end. Montreal keeper Evan Bush shot up his right hand to tip a Robbie Findley header over the bar in the 31st minute, just after Sebastian Gionvinco shot just wide from the edge of the penalty area.

A quick counterattack off a Nigel Reo-Coker turnover at the halfway line saw the ball played wide left to Giovinco, who put a cross just over Laurent Ciman for Altidore to head in for his 11th goal of the season in the 45th minute. It was Altidore's third goal in as many games against Montreal this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Milanovich to test recovered Ray before post-season

Ricky Ray is back as the Toronto Argonauts' starting quarterback.

Head coach Scott Milanovich said Sunday that Ray will be under centre Friday when the Argos (9-7) host the B.C. Lions (6-10) at Rogers Centre. Ray replaces Trevor Harris, who had been the club's starter for its first 16 regular-season games.

"We need to find out what Ricky is capable of doing before we get into the playoffs," Milanovich said. "Then we, I, need to make a decision as to who gives us the best chance to advance when we get there.

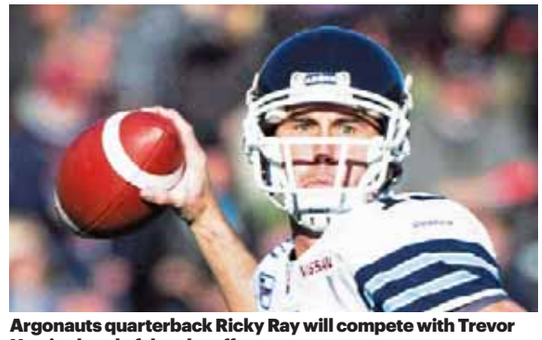
"Part of this is a function of that. When I spoke with Trevor (on Saturday) I told him he needs to be ready." Ray saw his first action of the season Friday night in Hamilton, replacing Harris in the second half of Toronto's lopsided 34-2 loss to Montreal. He finished 12-of-15 passing for 94 yards and had a late TD strike negated by a penalty.

Harris was 11-of-14 passing for 102 yards against Montreal but Toronto's offence struggled mounting any consistency versus the Als. Ray wouldn't say how healthy he is, only that he's capable of playing.

"I am good enough to play, that's all that matters," he said.

"When you're out there in the game you just drop back, go through your progressions and try to get it to the guy that's open and do what you're supposed to do back there. I don't foresee any problems with that."

Harris assumed the starting duties while Ray recovered from off-season shoulder surgery and helped Toronto clinch an East Division playoff spot. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Argonauts quarterback Ricky Ray will compete with Trevor Harris ahead of the playoffs. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Brilliant Brady maintains Patriots' perfect record

The fourth quarter started just in time for Tom Brady to overcome some early drops and lead the Patriots on a comeback. And it ended just in time for New England to hold on for a victory.

Brady overcame New England's shaky first three quarters by throwing for a pair of touchdowns in the fourth, and the Patriots defeated the New York Jets 30-23 on Sunday to remain unbeaten.

Brady completed 13 of 16 passes for 135 yards in the final quarter to overcome a 20-16 deficit and give New England (6-0) a two-game lead over the Jets in the AFC East. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hamilton wins U.S. Grand Prix, third F1 Championship

Lewis Hamilton seized on a late mistake by Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg to win the United States Grand Prix and secure his third Formula One season championship.

Hamilton overtook Rosberg with eight laps to go Sunday when Rosberg locked his tires and helplessly watched his teammate zoom past.

Hamilton had to beat Rosberg and outscore Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel by nine points to wrap up his second consecutive championship with Mercedes. He also won with McLaren in 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flip Saunders dies aged 60

Longtime NBA coach Flip Saunders, who won more than 650 games in nearly two decades and was trying to rebuild the Minnesota Timberwolves as team president, coach and part owner, died Sunday, the team said.

Saunders was diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma in June and doctors called it "treatable and curable" when the Timberwolves made the diagnosis public in August. But he took a leave of absence in September after complications arose during his recovery. He was 60. Saunders went 654-592 in 17 NBA seasons with Minnesota, Detroit Pistons and Washington Wizards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retooled Raptors raring to go

NBA

Team's last memory is getting swept out of playoffs

The Toronto Raptors ended a 2014-15 season that held so much promise in perhaps the worst possible way.

Then they headed into the off-season vowing to do better.

A year after taking Brooklyn to seven games in the playoffs, the Raptors had hoped to do one better and win just their second playoff series in franchise history. Instead the Raptors were swept in embarrassing fashion by the Washington Wizards in the first round last spring, a bleak and bitter end to a season that saw them set a franchise record with 49 wins and claim their second consecutive Atlantic Division title.

The Raptors had dropped to a woeful 25th in the league in defence, so GM Masai Ujiri went to work, retooling his roster with an eye on that end of the floor. He signed Atlanta forward DeMarre Carroll, considered one of the top players available at his position. He acquired Toronto's own Cory Joseph to run the second unit in place of Greivis Vasquez, and signed rim-protecting big man Bismack Biyombo.

Carroll, who signed a $58-million US contract with Toronto, averaged 12.6 points and 5.3 rebounds in 70 games with Atlanta last season, helping the Hawks to the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference. He's both a solid defender and outside shooting threat.

"I think the biggest thing I'm going to have to bring is that grit and grind," Carroll said. "You know, that grit when it gets kinda hard you've got to keep grinding."

Last season saw point guard Kyle Lowry get off to a red-hot start, earning his first all-star honours. But he disappeared down the stretch, when the Raptors needed him most.

Kyle Lowry trimmed down over the summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The 29-year-old transformed his body over a summer of eating smart and running hills in Las Vegas, and turned heads when he showed up at the team's media day. For Lowry, the disappointment went beyond just the abrupt ending to the post-season, and he replayed the season often in his head.

"You're going to think about it. It happened. For me it wasn't just the way it ended, it was (his drop in performance) since February ... I've been thinking about it a long time," Lowry said. "But it's a new day, a new year. Now we've got to do something with it."

Cory Joseph and Anthony Bennett GETTY IMAGES

Ujiri also signed the beleaguered Canadian Anthony Bennett, who hopes to reboot his basketball career in Toronto after two seasons of injury struggles in Cleveland and Minnesota.

The Raptors open the regular season on Wednesday at the Air Canada Centre against the Indiana Pacers, and Canada's lone franchise will be in the spotlight more than usual this year.

Toronto hosts February's NBA all-star game, marking the first time the basketball showcase has been played outside the United States.

The team also has a new look — a new logo and new uniforms, including a black-and-gold alternate inspired by Toronto rapper Drake, the Raptors' global ambassador.

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NEW ADDITION

Stackhouse brings recent playing history to bench

In an aim to add a recent player to their staff, the Raptors hired Jerry Stackhouse as an assistant coach this past off-season.

The two-time all-star said he sees a great opportunity in teaching young players such as Delon Wright and Cory Joseph.

The 24-year-old Joseph called Stackhouse "a mentor."

"He's been helping me a lot in terms of staying confident, helping me learn the system. I know he just got here too but we've been learning together and he's been helping me a lot with my shot, staying on me to get better," Joseph said.

Stackhouse played for eight different teams in his 18-year NBA career. He was selected third overall in the 1995 draft.

Josh Donaldson reacts prior to Game Five of the American League Championship Series between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Kansas City Royals at Rogers Centre on October 21.
HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Carter: Donaldson clear MVP

MLB

Jays' third baseman has had a stellar season

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

If Joe Carter had his way, Josh Donaldson would be the American League's 2015 most valuable player.

In his first season with the Toronto Blue Jays, acquired from the Oakland Athletics in exchange for Canadian infielder Brett Lawrie, the 29-year-old Donaldson set new individual single-season career highs in hits (184), runs (122), doubles (41), home runs (41) and runs batted in (123), which has him in contention — if not the front-runner ahead of Mike Trout — for MVP recognition.

Speaking to reporters before Joe Carter Day at the Vancouver Giants' Western Hockey League game Sunday, the 1993 World Series hero firmly entrenched himself in Donaldson's corner.

"If he doesn't get the MVP, it's a total injustice to the game," said Carter, listing off the numerous offensive categories in which Donaldson excelled.

"Phenomenal year by a guy in his first year there in Toronto. So no, 'Bringer of Rain' — he made a believer out of me this year."

Folks in Toronto would likely agree.

The MVP chants from fans at Rogers Centre when Donaldson would come to the plate or make a big play in the field, especially through August and September when the Blue Jays were surging through the American League standings, provide sufficient evidence of that.

Donaldson's breakout campaign came as the Blue Jays took the Toronto market by storm, making the playoffs for the first time since 1993.

But the 2015 season officially ended Friday for the Blue Jays — dubbed Canada's team, a designation that drew its share of debate — at the hands of the Kansas City Royals.

The Royals defeated the Blue Jays in six games, advancing to the World Series for the second time in as many years.

Trying to force a deciding seventh game, the Blue Jays had two runners in scoring position and one out in the top of the ninth inning of Friday's game, but failed to cash in the tying run.

"A lot of wasted opportunities," said Carter, now a special assistant to Arizona Diamondbacks general manager Dave Stewart.

"You've got to find a way to get those runs in because everything in the playoffs is going to be magnified and those situations right there really cost them the game."

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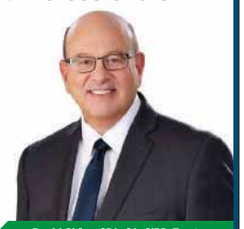
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Ingredients
- 2 cups rehydrated garbanzo beans, drained
- 1 small white onion, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh flat-leaf or curly parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 tablespoons grape seed oil for cooking

Directions
1. The night before, place beans in a bowl and fill with water until covered by two inches. In the morning, drain, rinse and pat beans dry. Store in the refrigerator.
2. In a food processor, add the beans, onion, parsley, garlic, flour, cumin, salt, coriander and chili powder. Process until a course meal forms.
3. Pour mix into bowl, cover with plastic wrap and set in refrigerator for an hour. Remove and shape into patties.
4. Heat oil in pan over medium heat, add burgers. Fry burgers for 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Serve with pitas, sliced cucumber and tahini.

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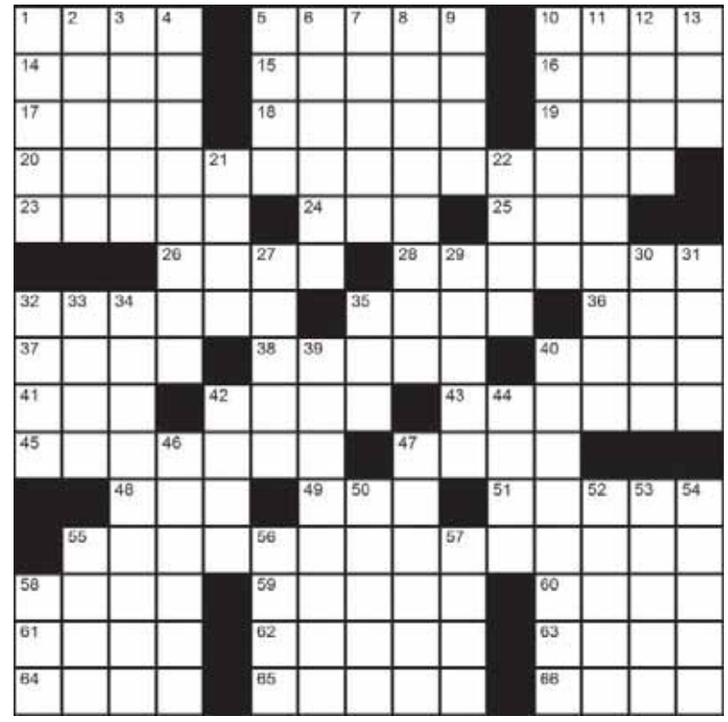

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5. Clear the chalk from the board
10. Whirl
14. Smidgen
15. Sea swallows
16. Voice characteristic
17. __ a glass of water
18. Bruce Wayne, to Batman
19. Some trees
20. Location of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg which is named for the philanthropist/media mogul who envisioned it: 3 wds.
23. Like a pitched abode
24. Progressive rock band
25. Broadcast
26. __-and-haws
28. 'Gateway to the Sea' town in Newfoundland: 2 wds.
32. Triangular stuffed appetizer
35. Handed-down history
36. Record co.
37. Soon, to Shakespeare
38. Ancient philosopher
40. Primary
41. "1-2-3": 1965 hit for __ Barry
42. Faux pas
43. Some drums
45. Ballroom dance
47. Sunflower what?
48. Romanian currency
49. Soak
51. Popular island retreat
55. Neil Young (with Crazy Horse) song: 4 wds.
58. Prefix to 'byte'
59. Record
60. Thickening gum
61. '90s British band
62. Keeners
63. City in Quebec
64. Rosebud, for one
65. __ Dog Night
66. Glasgow gal

DOWN
1. Sort of songbird
2. Slack
3. Driver's reversal
4. Persians vs. Athenians on-the-plain battle site in 490 BC in Greece
5. And others, for short: 2 wds.
6. Conveys a message
7. Surface
8. Photo
9. Existence
10. "Family Guy" character
11. Arctic animal in Churchill, Manitoba: 2 wds.
12. "__ __ Life" by The Beatles
13. Belonging to Omaha's li'l state
21. Contact lenses reasons
22. Unique
27. Syrup sort
29. Happened to happen
30. Marie-Claire's friend
31. Yangs counterparts
32. Angelina Jolie movie
33. Afresh
34. An actor might be asked to perform one in an audition
35. Track circuit
39. Fake-perform the song, variantly
40. Elizabethan vocal piece
42. Surprise
44. Close by
46. Alaska's __ Peninsula
47. Field
50. Sea __ (Furry aquatic animal)
52. Droplet-looking throat part
53. Shows pride
54. Tapestry wall hanging
55. __ pickles
56. Triumph
57. Gaelic
58. Playwright monogram

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful how you react to criticism today because if you let rivals see that your feelings are hurt they will take advantage of it. This is still a good time for getting things done. Don't let anyone burst your bubble.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You may find it hard to treat others as your intellectual equals but pretend you take what they say seriously. And check your facts. The approaching full moon in your sign warns you could make a fool of yourself.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Do not get discouraged just because there is still a yawning gap between your dreams and your reality. Throw yourself into an activity.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You won't hesitate to speak your mind but be careful. Tomorrow's full moon warns if you stray too far from the facts you could be the one who is the topic of conversation — and what others say won't be pleasant!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't say or do anything that might meet the disapproval of people in power. Believe in yourself and that belief can take you far, but the fact is your rivals are more powerful than you are.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you tread on someone's toes the consequences could be painful for both of you. Minor differences could escalate, so avoid slinging insults.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Act as if you care about what is going on around you, even if you don't. Although other people's struggles may not be your struggles you will only get where you want to go if you pretend they are.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are rarely afraid to be controversial but watch out you don't go too far and make an enemy of someone who is more than a match for you. Be careful what you say.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be impatient to get things done but take care that in your haste you don't neglect the needs of those you love. Don't turn people against you just because you are in a hurry.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not be able to do much for yourself as the new week begins but you can help a friend or colleague overcome a problem. In doing so you may even discover why you have been stuck in the doldrums.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A change is necessary and although it won't be easy, it must be done. Don't feel bad that others are not as committed to change. In the long-term it will be good for them too.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The approaching full moon demands that you must be totally honest with yourself about what it is you desire and what it is you will have to do to get it.

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